Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 18 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 19 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 17 Nov 2021 at 16:24 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high throughout. The main uncertainties are how far south the rain clears by Friday evening and timing of colder air on Saturday.

Headline for Thursday 18 Nov 2021: Rain and low cloud, severe gales on the tops

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 18 Nov 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
90%	90%	90%	80%	80%	80%	80%	70%

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Weather: Dull and damp with extensive low cloud and rain or drizzle throughout. Severe gales across the tops. The rain occasionally heavy in the early hours, but mainly light through the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil

Visibility: Mostly poor, a few km in rain. Cloud persistent above 500-600m, often to low levels in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	50/59 SW	52/63 W	52/62 W	47/57 SW	47/57 SW	51/62 SW	49/61 SW	50/63 SW	51/64 SW
900	46/54 SW	49/59 W	47/58 W	43/53 SW	43/53 SW	47/58 SW	46/58 SW	47/59 SW	48/61 SW
600	31/39 SW	35/45 SW	33/42 W	30/40 SW	30/40 SW	33/44 SW	35/46 SW	35/47 SW	35/48 SW
300	5/37 SW	9/43 W	9/41 W	8/38 W	8/39 W	10/43 W	10/43 SW	11/45 SW	12/46 SW
Glen	14/32 SW	18/36 W	18/35 W	16/33 W	17/34 SW	18/35 SW	20/38 W	19/37 SW	19/38 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	6/-1	7/-0	7/0	7/0	7/-0	7/0	6/-0	6/-1	7/-0
900	7/1	7/1	8/1	8/1	7/1	8/1	7/1	7/0	7/1
600	9/4	9/4	9/4	9/4	9/4	9/4	9/4	9/4	9/4
300	10/10	10/8	10/8	10/8	10/8	10/8	10/8	10/8	10/8
Glen	12/10	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/9	12/8	12/9	12/9
Freezing Level*	2700m	2400m	2700m	2600m	2600m	2500m	2400m	2300m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note that despite the mild air, severe gales and damp conditions will give a chilly feel.

Forecast for Friday 19 Nov 2021
Weather: Mild, but dull and damp with low cloud and summit gales. Rain or drizzle, persistent across western hills, more patchy in the east. Turning drier across most hills late afternoon, but rain may persist across Knoydart, then spreading back north around midnight.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 45 gusting 60-65 mph, easing to 25-30 gusting 40-45 mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil through the day, becoming 50-60% in the evening.

Visibility: Moderate or poor, a few km in rain and drizzle. Cloud persistent above 300-500m across western hills, 500-600m across eastern hills. Cloud likely to lift late evening, but munro level still in patchy cloud.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 11 or 12 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 7 or 8 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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